

# PREPOSITIONS, PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

## Prepositions of TIME

Taken from: <http://www.tinytelfteacher.co.uk/learning-english/prepositions/prepositions-time.html>

### **IN**

We use **in** with years, seasons and months.

I got married **in 2007**.

I got married **in winter**.

I got married **in December**.

### **ON**

We use **on** with days and dates.

I got married **on 31st December**.

I got married **on New Year's Eve**.

### **AT**

We use **at** with times and well-known holiday periods.

I got married **at 3.30**.

I got married **at New Year**.

Here are some other *examples you should learn*:

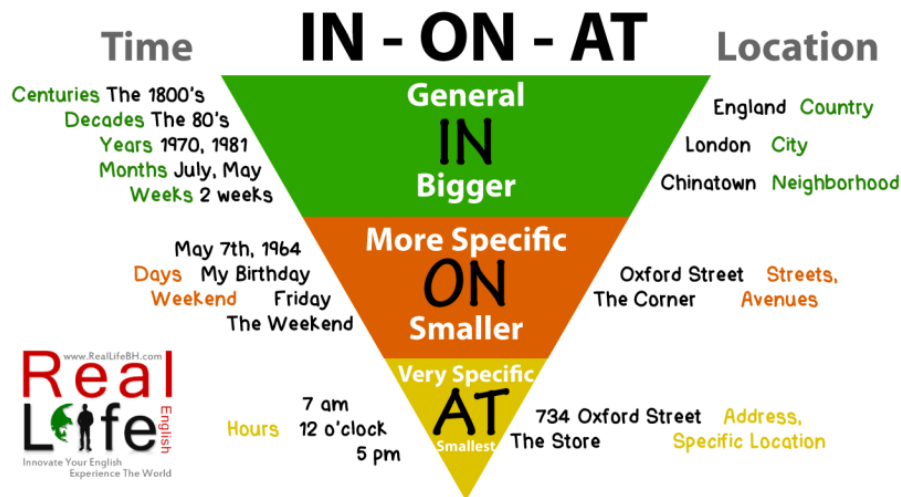
- **In** + the morning, the afternoon, the evening, but **at** night.
- **At** + mealtimes (at breakfast, at dinner ...).
- **At** + the weekend.
- **At** the moment, **at** present, **at** that moment.
- **In** the past, **in** the future.

Remember: we don't use in/on/at when we say "this / last / next".

I'll see you **next week**.

### **1. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.**

- 1) We all meet \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas.
- 2) We have a turkey for dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Day.
- 3) She feels sleepy \_\_\_\_\_ the morning.
- 4) I'm sorry, I can't talk to you \_\_\_\_\_ the moment.
- 5) Last night he went to bed \_\_\_\_\_ midnight.
- 6) I'll give you a ring \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday morning \_\_\_\_\_ 10 o'clock.
- 7) In England, the school term ends \_\_\_\_\_ July.
- 8) People used to commute to work by tram \_\_\_\_\_ the past.
- 9) There's a big party at Freedom Square \_\_\_\_\_ New Year's Eve.
- 10) We have a meeting \_\_\_\_\_ the first Tuesday of the month.
- 11) Charles is arriving \_\_\_\_\_ November, 17th, \_\_\_\_\_ three o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ the afternoon.
- 12) She started studying at university \_\_\_\_\_ 2013.
- 13) Ok. See you \_\_\_\_\_ next week \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday.



Picture taken from <http://reallifebh.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/in-on-at.png>

## Prepositions of PLACE

Taken from:

<http://www.ecenglish.com/learnenglish/lessons/in-on-at-prepositions-place>,

<http://www.learnenglish.de/grammar/prepositionplace.html>

### **IN**

We use **in** to show that something is enclosed or surrounded.

The dog is **in the garden**.

She is **in a taxi**.

Put it **in the box**.

We also use **in** to show position within land-areas (towns, states, countries, and continents).

I used to live **in Nottingham**.

### **ON**

We use **on** to show position on a horizontal or vertical surface.

The cat sat **on the mat**.

The satellite dish is **on the roof**.

### **AT**

We use **at** to show a specific place or position.

Someone is **at the door**.

They are waiting **at the bus stop**.

I used to live **at 51 Portland Street**.

## **2. Complete the sentences using IN, ON or AT.**

- 1) I always keep some extra money \_\_\_ my bag in case of emergencies.
- 2) I'll read it tonight \_\_\_ home.
- 3) Do you live \_\_\_ a house or an apartment?
- 4) I read about it \_\_\_ the newspaper.
- 5) He went for a swim \_\_\_ the river.
- 6) The dog's sleeping \_\_\_ the carpet.
- 7) The information is \_\_\_ the top of the page.
- 8) Were you \_\_\_ the party too?

## Other prepositions of PLACE / MOVEMENT

under, over, next to, between, near (to), in front of, behind, up, down, to, away from, past, into, onto, out of, around, through, across, along

### 3. Complete the sentences using the correct preposition from the brackets.

<http://www.learnenglish.de/tests/prepositions/prepofmovement.html>

- 1) The mouse ran \_\_\_\_\_ the table to hide. (*through / in / under*)
- 2) The dog ran \_\_\_\_\_ the garden to play. (*into / onto / over*)
- 3) The ship sailed \_\_\_\_\_ the world. (*round / through / over*)
- 4) The train went \_\_\_\_\_ the tunnel. (*over / through / onto*)
- 5) The paint fell \_\_\_\_\_ the floor. (*into / onto / round*)
- 6) She broke her leg when she fell \_\_\_\_\_ the stairs. (*off / in / down*)
- 7) The burglar made a mistake when he ran \_\_\_\_\_ the policeman. (*towards / under / onto*)
- 8) I was tired after walking \_\_\_\_\_ the hill. (*through / into / up*)
- 9) When the train arrived at my destination I got \_\_\_\_\_. (*into / onto / off*)
- 10) The horse jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the fence. (*over / under / down*)

## Prepositional phrases – VERBS + PREPOSITIONS

**AT** - look at, shout at, smile/ laugh at

**TO** - listen to, write to, talk/speak to, look forward to

**FOR** - look for, ask for, pay for, wait for, feel/be sorry for, apply for

**ON** - spend money on, depend on, insist on, rely on, concentrate on, congratulate sb. on sth.

**IN** - believe in, succeed in, specialise in

**OF** - remind sb. of, afraid of, die of

**WITH** - agree with, share sth. with sb., deal with

### No preposition

meet sb., marry sb., divorce sb., play the (musical instrument), phone/call sb., tell sb.

### 4. Fill in the missing prepositions

- 1) You remind me \_\_\_\_\_ one of my classmates. She's got long dark hair and a little nose, too.
- 2) Mary admitted she shouted \_\_\_\_\_ her little sister yesterday and now she feels really sorry.
- 3) The little baby smiled \_\_\_\_\_ her parents for the first time. They were very happy.
- 4) I feel sorry \_\_\_\_\_ my students. I can't imagine sitting at the desk for almost six hours a day.
- 5) The boys laughed \_\_\_\_\_ him because he was clumsy.
- 6) His aunt died \_\_\_\_\_ cancer when she was young.
- 7) Sorry, I can't decide it. It doesn't depend \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- 8) Look \_\_\_\_\_ the sunset! It's so beautiful.
- 9) I'm afraid I don't agree \_\_\_\_\_ you about the decision.
- 10) She is looking forward \_\_\_\_\_ seeing us at the meeting.
- 11) I really trust him and I think I can rely \_\_\_\_\_ him in every situation.
- 12) Kevin told \_\_\_\_\_ me about his sister's accident.

### **Note:**

**WORK + PREPOSITION** (work **in** a town/building, work **on** a project, work **for** a company, work **as** a journalist/an actor, work **with** people/material)

## Prepositional phrases – ADJECTIVES + PREPOSITIONS

**ABOUT** - excited about, worried about, nervous about, angry about sth., annoyed about sth., furious about

**AT** - good at, bad at, hopeless at

**FOR** - famous for, well known for, responsible for

**OF** - afraid of, frightened of, scared of, proud of, full of, aware of, tired of

- nice / kind / good / friendly / polite / rude / stupid of someone to do something

**TO** - engaged to, married to, similar to

- be nice/ kind/ good/ friendly/ polite/ rude to someone

**WITH** - pleased with, disappointed with, happy with, satisfied with, angry/ annoyed with sb.

### 5. Fill in the missing prepositions

- 1) We were disappointed \_\_\_\_\_ the football match.
- 2) I'm excited \_\_\_\_\_ having my birthday party tomorrow.
- 3) You look very pleased \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.
- 4) I'm angry \_\_\_\_\_ all the mess you have made.
- 5) I'm not very good \_\_\_\_\_ mathematics.
- 6) Your camera is similar \_\_\_\_\_ mine.
- 7) Brazil is famous \_\_\_\_\_ its coffee.
- 8) Are you scared \_\_\_\_\_ spiders?
- 9) Who is responsible \_\_\_\_\_ breaking this window?
- 10) My homework was full \_\_\_\_\_ mistakes.
- 11) I'm tired \_\_\_\_\_ doing the same things every day.
- 12) It was very nice \_\_\_\_\_ Sam to lend you the money.
- 13) A shop assistant should be polite \_\_\_\_\_ customers.
- 14) I'm very proud \_\_\_\_\_ you.